

Small business is the engine that drives this Nation, producing 75 percent of new jobs, accounting for almost 98 percent of all employers and 53 percent of the private work force.

It is our small businesses that will continue to lead us to economic recovery.

In particular, small tech businesses are on the front lines of the digital revolution. They have led the way in advances from broadband deployment to software development.

My state of Texas ranks second nationally in high tech workers, employing more than 411,000 with an annual payroll of about \$25 billion. Many of those employees are working for small businesses.

And my new congressional district contains thousands of small, innovative high tech centered businesses.

One such company is Security Broadband in Austin. Security Broadband was founded in 1999 and already has over 100 employees.

Security Broadband uses real-time audio and video via highspeed cable Internet to provide security for homes.

If there's an emergency, the Security Broadband system sends audio and video signals to a central monitoring station. Personnel use this information to help verify whether an actual emergency exists. With 95 percent of home alarm incidents not genuine, law enforcement officials spend a large amount of time responding to false alarms. In case of an actual emergency, audio and video capability provides information that can help make the scene safer for responding officers.

Customers also can view their homes and see and talk with family via the Internet when away from home.

Security Broadband is just one of the thousands of small technology businesses around the country connecting rural America, developing next generation hardware and software, and keeping America on the forefront of technological advances.

#### TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JOSEPH A. PARISEAU

#### HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to the extraordinary life of Captain Joseph A. Pariseau who, at the age of 82, passed away on February 23, 2002.

Joe was born March 19, 1919, in Franklin, MA, the son of a baker. Nurtured by a loving family of seven, Joe spent a happy childhood in Attleboro, MA, excelling in sports like the other Pariseau boys. He attended Providence College on a football scholarship, graduating in 1941 with a degree in Philosophy.

After earning his Navy wings in 1942, Joe was assigned to VP-63, flying combat missions based from Wales, Gibraltar and North Africa, patrolling for German submarines. Other career highlights include Flight Ordnance Test Pilot with VX-5, Fleet Air Gunnery Unit (precursor to Top Gun) in 1958, Aide to Admiral Wendell Switzer, an icon in Naval Aviation, evaluation of the first U.S. angled carrier deck on USS *Antietam* and Air Boss on

the USS *Ranger*. He served as Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron VF-53, Carrier Early Warning Wing 12 and NAS Chase Field.

During his distinguished career, Joe flew over 40 aircraft types. His many Naval honors include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with star, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two stars, and the Meritorious Service Medal for his work as Project Manager for the Navy's billion dollar E-2C Hawkeye aircraft project.

After his 30-year career as a Naval Aviator, the "Flying Frenchman" (his aviator call sign) retired to manage his ranch in Beeville, TX, for 31 years. Joe was married to Mary D. Lassiter of New York, until her death in 1960. He married Anna Claire Heard of Beeville, TX, in 1965. They remained devoted to each other and married for 36 years until her death on February 13, 2002.

Joe is survived by his daughter, Paige Pariseau Ochenrider of Whitefish, MT; son Robert R. Pariseau and wife Laurie of San Antonio, TX; brother Roland Pariseau; sister, Lucille Pariseau, both of Attleboro, MA; grandchildren Michael Pariseau of Mountain View, CA, Stacey Lowrance of Tacoma, WA, and Mark Ochenrider of Seattle, WA; and great grandchildren Colton and Madilynn Lowrance. A talented chef and superb dancer, Joe was devoted to his family and a true gentleman. A hero in the eyes of his family, Joe's service to our country reminds me of a passage in James A. Michener's great classic, "The Bridges at Toko-Ri".

"Why is America lucky enough to have such men? They leave this tiny ship and fly against the enemy. Then they must seek the ship, lost somewhere at sea. And when they find it, they have to land upon its pitching deck. Where did we get such men?"

#### ENRON GREED

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, memos released this week by the FERC, confirm what those of us from California long suspected: Enron reaped millions upon millions of dollars off the backs of Californians by manipulating the energy market, cheating consumers, and lying to energy regulators and the State. Recently released internal documents clearly illustrate Enron's strategies to game the energy trading system. The Enron documents describe knowingly and consciously submitting false information to the State in order to increase energy prices.

Enron's overwhelming greed is beyond outrageous; it may be criminal. Clearly, the billions of dollars stolen from Californians must be returned. It is also imperative that FERC reopen California's long-term contracts to prevent us from being further gouged.

Throughout the California energy crisis the Governor of California joined with the majority of California's congressional delegation to call on the Federal Government to do something to stop price manipulation. I want to share with

my colleagues an editorial from today's Los Angeles Times, that sums up the consequences of Federal inaction.

[From the Los Angeles Times, May 8, 2002]

#### MAKE ENRON PIRATES ANSWER

It was a scam after all.

As California faced desperate electricity shortages in 2000 and 2001, power giant Enron was manipulating the market to drive up prices and turn modest power shortages into critical ones. This arrogant behemoth, since brought down by its own hubris, toyed with the public health and safety of California to boost its own profit, and there's finally a smoking gun to prove it.

Internal Enron documents released by the bankrupt company's new management describe these unethical, if not illegal, trading practices in detail and indicate that other companies were doing the same thing. All the while, everyone from Enron's then-chief Kenneth Lay to Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham and regulators who should have smelled a rat were saying it was all California's fault. For failing to build enough power plants. For adopting a power deregulation plan that wasn't free-market enough. For environmental laws with a Malibu mind-set.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission refused to accept its legal responsibility to rein in a wildly out-of-control market. Ultimately, commissioners said, the free market would work. For California, that meant a year of crisis, of rolling blackouts, of one major utility going bankrupt and another flat broke, of the state doling out \$6 billion to buy daily power and an additional \$40 billion for long-term contracts at what we now know are grossly inflated rates. FERC finally acted out of political necessity; it was too little, too late.

The Enron memos go on in pages of sneering, "gotcha" detail about such things as how to get paid for not putting any energy on the grid. In another ploy, the firm would buy power in California at a capped price of \$250 a megawatt-hour and resell it in Oregon for \$1,200—at a time when California was flirting daily with blackouts. The schemes had cute names like Death Star and Fat Boy.

When California complained and Gov. Gray Davis denounced the energy manipulators, an Enron official said, "California is trying to perpetuate the greatest political dodge of the last 100 years."

Yes, deregulation was flawed, California was short of power plants and a drought in the Northwest had reduced hydroelectric power. Davis was slow to react to the crisis. But these factors alone did not cause the state's power costs to go from \$7 billion in 1999 to \$27 billion the next year.

FERC should help the state obtain substantial refunds from the power-generating companies that charged exorbitant prices. The state has asked for \$9 billion, an amount that federal regulators had deemed far too high but that they now should regard as just about right.

The Justice Department should investigate possible criminal violations. The state should demand that all of its long-term contracts, signed under the duress of the inflated market, be nullified and renegotiated without delay. And FERC should extend its modest market controls beyond the present Sept. 30 expiration. Electricity is vital to public welfare. It must not be held hostage by manipulators piously invoking the free market.

They scoffed in Washington and Houston when Davis called the energy manipulators pirates. Now we know why he was right.